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The Little Yellow Tugboat

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A horn blows long and low .
All the workers go up on the little yellow tugboat's deck.



On this day, the little yellow tugboat has a big job. It must tow a red boat to the shop. The red boat must get fixed.



The little yellow tugboat chugs up the river.
The red boat is still floating. It did not sink.

The little yellow tugboat slows and stops.
It will tow the red boat back to the dock.





The little yellow tugboat must tug hard on the red boat. It is a big load to tow, but the little yellow tugboat can do it!

The little yellow tugboat ends its trip. It stops at the dock.





The little yellow tugboat did it. The boat can get fixed.
Good job, little yellow tugboat!

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Word Count: 137

High-Frequency Words

day
do
go
good
the
to
workers

Decodable Words*

a	did	job	slows
all	dock	little	still
and	ends	load	stops
at	fixed	long	this
back	floating	low	tow
big	get	must	trip
blows	hard	not	tug
boat	has	on	tugboat
but	horn	red	tugboat's
can	is	river	up
chugs	it	shop	will
deck	its	sink	yellow

*Words with /ō/ow, oa appear in **boldface** type.



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